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## Welfare \$21 Million In Berrien

Social Services Board Says Spending Up \$2.8 Million

> BY BRANDON BROWN Staff Writer

Berrien county social services board gave county commissioners a report Tuesday showing welfare aid to the aged, blind, disabled, dependent children, medical assistance and Food Stamp bonuses for 1972 cost \$21.6 million, up almost \$2.8 million from the year before

The social services board hosted commissioners at a luncheon at the welfare department in Benton township to bring them abreast of 1972 costs, pending welfare legislation and county social services programs.

According to the 1972 report, aid to dependent children (ADC) cost \$10.2 million (\$8.6 million in 1971), medical assistance cost an estimated \$5 million (was \$4 million), aid to the blind cost \$1.3 million (was \$1 million), Food Stamp bonuses cost \$2 million (was \$2.5 million), administrative charges cost \$1.7 million (was \$1.4 million), and general assistance cost \$78,692 (was \$111,365), among others.

Food Stamp bonuses, the "free" purchasing power the

#### Lots Inside--

Berrien General Hospital shaves costs, still losing money, asks help—Page 14. Citizens of Allegan county's Douglas area vow to keep full-service hospital goingfront page, section 3. Berrien county has two residents with chance at \$200,000 prize in this week's lottery drawing—Page 3.

These are just some of outstanding Southwestern Michigan illustrated news developments you'll find on inside pages. Plus, of course, state, national and world

Department of Agriculture gives low income persons, dropped for 1972 because the federal government cut bonuses and increased amounts stamp buyers must pay, according to Wesley P. Bowerman, county social services director.

He estimated the county department reached approximately 20,000 welfare clients, low-income families, oldsters, blind, disabled, neglected children and others in 1972.

The social services board asked commissioners to adopt a resolution opposing a section of House Bill 4156, said to be in committee in Lansing, that takes away local board appointment of county welfare directors in return for increased state payments for rent and administrative costs.

The change would save Berrien taxpayers some \$75,000-\$100,000 annually in rent and administrative costs but would result in local directors with allegiance to Lansing rather than

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## Berrien Asks **Joint Action** In Time Fight

another lonely swing at trying to get the county transferred to the Central Time zone to avoid

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The Berrien county board of commissioners Tuesday took Tuesday took Commissioners learned the Commissioners learned the Department of Transportation has denied a February request of the board for transfer of Berrien county from the Eastern to the Central time zone. Another letter from Governor Milliken's offfice said such a switch would be inappropriate.

However, board members unanimously backed another resolution submitted by Commissioner Carl Gnodtke that all contiguous counties-Cass and Van Buren-be contacted and asked to participate in a joint request for transfer to the Central time zone. Cass county commissioners have voted for transfer to the Central zone but Van Buren has not acted despite earlier promptings.

Western leather, fringe & winter jackets, reduced 25 percent. Tacy's Saddle Shop, M-140, Watervliet. Adv.



FOR BEACHCOMBERS: Jetties at Rocky Gap park trapped an assortment of wood washed up by Lake Michigan in last weekend's storm. Some of it is worthless, but there are pieces from which beachcombers can fashion bric-a-brac. And who knows but what some spar or plank of LaSalle's ill-fated Griffin, or Captain

Stines' Chicora, might not lie among the debris? (Staff photos by Chief Photographer Charles Zindler)



reminscent of the great 19th century logging drives on the Manistee and Pere Marquette when timber from

Michigan built the cities of the midwest. Actually, it's the aftermath of a March, 1973, storm when thousands of feet of timber washed up along the Lake Michigan shoreline. This jam is at Rocky Gap park, north of the Twin Cities. Some of the logs and lumber were being removed for construction purposes. (Staff photo)

## Court Rules School Property Tax Legal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court today in a 5 to 4 decision upheld the local property tax for financing public

The majority reversed a three-judge federal court which ruled that the Texas system of school finance violates the 14th Amendment's guarantee of equal protection of the laws.

The lower court had ruled that the system discriminates against the poor by making the school quality dependent on local, rather then state wealth.

All states except Hawaii depend in large part on the property

tax to finance schools.

Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., writing for the majority, noted that the court was not endorsing the status quo.

"The need is apparent for reform in tax systems which may well have relied too long and too heavily on the local property tax," Powell wrote. "But the ultimate solution must come from the lawmakers and from the democratic pressures of those who elect them.'

Also in the majority were Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, and Justices Potter Steward, Harry A. Blackmun and William H. Rehnquist.

Critics of the lower court decision had predicted that Supreme Court approval of it would bring not only a reshaping of school finance across the nation, but also "a generation of litigation" aimed at such other services as police protection

Marianne Means

Nixon's Foes

Defeat Selves

beginning to use on his political

the Vietnam war. Except that

ne has no domestic 'Kissinger,''

As was demonstrated in Southeast Asia, Mr. Nixon is a

master at cutting off an op-

ponent's rear — diplomatically. Hanoi's ability

to carry on full scale con-

ventional war was made difficult when Moscow and Peking

decided their own national interests demanded they take

advantage of Mr. Nixon's open

Mr. Nixon used the same

technique to handle his war

opponents at home. He did little

to stop them from claiming he

was intensifying the war, that

Kissinger's negotiations were

trickery, that he was bombing

the dikes and carpet bombing

the north when, in fact, the data

was available to destroy these

let his enemies take their far-out stands. He encouraged

these radical positions, in fact,

by the deliberate shocker-

methods he employed. When

his opponents were well out in

left field, he let time shut them

What Mr. Nixon did then was

#### THE HERALD-PRESS **Editorial Page**

W. J. Banyon, Editor and Publisher Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

### UAW Leader Calls For Improved Worker **Performance**

During the past weekend, Irving Bluestone, the United Auto Workers vice president who superintends the union's affairs with General Motors Corporation, sent out a letter which must have raised as many eyebrows in the executive suite as it did in the union halls.

Bluestone's message to 125 local union presidents and the committee chairmen of 150 bargaining units wants the addressees to inform their membership on the need for better job performance.

"Good quality isn't the concern of General Motors alone," he wrote. "It's important to us workers too:

Poor quality cuts down sales. Then it cuts down jobs."

Bluestone noted a recent GMC disclosure that warranty costs for the company's vehicles are running at a \$500 million annual rate. This is something for GMC to worry about, he noted, despite its high profits.

Repeating the relationship between a quality product and its future sales image, he stated, "Declining quality may well be followed by declining sales.

"Dissatisfied customers don't even necessarily turn to Ford, Chrysler or AMC products. They often turn to im-

Since the UAW is the labor spokesman for GMC's domestic competitors. Bluestone is talking about more than a slip in one segment of the union being capitalized upon by other sections. Foreign competition or the threat of it puts an emphasis upon solidarity not to be found in the UAW's song, "Solidarity Forever.

As to be expected and properly so, Bluestone hedges his quality plea.

The worker on the line can deliver a super performance, but it can not overcome managerial errors such as design and engineering mistakes, nor rushing the finished product out to the dealer without adequately checking for defects as the production process moves along the assembly line.

Neither can the worker deliver the requisite effort if his supervision is lax or if the operation is speeded up to a point of no return.

The refreshing approach introduced by Bluestone is acknowledging the necessity in meeting performance standards which are inherent in the old saying, "a day's vork for a day's pay.'

Some of the construction union chieftains stated the same premise in different language a few months ago in calling upon their locals to abandon many of the restrictive production practices which beyond shoving building costs out of site are sending jobs to nonunion contractors.

Self interest is integral to survival, but if carried to extremes it can be fatal in the complicated society under which we live

Since the Wagner Act's enactment in 1935, this self interest on the part of most unions has been "me first" spelled in capital letters.

Bluestone is not jettisoning that philosophy, but he is tieing a float to it.

Self interest reaps its biggest dividend if is enlightened.

Some give and take, an understanding that everyone must bend his oar if the boat is to make headway, are necessary if each party to an arrangement is to benefit

favorable leases, or fatter television

Franchise shifts have taken their toll on

fan loyalties, as has expansion of the

major leagues from 16 to 24 teams. Ex-

pansion brought the Mets' miracle of 1969

and a solid Houston club, but it also gave

birth to an assortment of faceless

Brewers and Expos, undistinguished

Royals and Rangers, and decidedly un-

To win back some customers, the

American League has changed its rules

for the 1973 season to encourage more

hitting. By designating a pinch hitter for

his pitcher, a manager can keep weak

swinging hurlers out of his batting order

and lead footed sluggers away from his

outfield. Some managers want to do more.

Bobby Winkles, the California Angels'

new skipper, has proposed to step up

run to the mound. "We're losing fans

because other sports are faster," he says.

hockey are faster than baseball because

they are run by the clock. So long as each

baseball team is allotted at least 27 outs,

with no time limit, new rules and speedup

tactics cannot alter what Roger Angell of

The New Yorker magazine calls

"Within the ballpark," Angell writes,

'time moves differently, marked by no

clock except the events of the game. This

is the unique unchangeable feature of

baseball, and perhaps explains why this

sport, for all the enormous changes it has

undergone in the past decade or two,

remains somehow rustic, unviolent and

To the baseball fan, who keeps a

scorecard, second guesses managers and

studies pitching motions, baseball's time

is part of its charm. Whatever the pace or

outcome of a particular game, Angell

contends, "It holds us in its own con-

tinuum and mercifully releases us from

our own." In an increasingly violent,

urbane and frenetic age, however, the

problem may be that fewer Americans

will take that kind of time for baseball,

''baseball's time.'

introspective."

Such sports as football, basketball and

ace by ordering his pitche

miraculous Padres and Angels.

#### A Spring Song Of Sorts greener by larger stadiums, more

contracts.

No longer the exclusive national pastime, major league baseball is preparing for the April 6th opening of its 1973 season in a chastened mood. After 20 years of franchise shifts, expansion and owner player friction, the men who operate and play professional baseball are worried about the fans who buy the

"They (the fans) have had a bellyful," Commissioner Bowie Kuhn warned last month as talks on contract conditions dragged on between club owners and the players' association, "Neither baseball nor any other sport is an indispensable part of the American scene," he added. "All of us had better recognize it."

With the angry public reaction to last year's player strike much in mind, the owners and players reached a three-year settlement of their differences on February 25. The agreement unlocked the spring training seemed to assure that the 1973 season would open on schedule.

The new pact also represented a departure from the disdain with which baseball has treated fans at least since March 18, 1953, when the Boston Braves moved to Milwaukee. The Braves' move, the first major league franchise shift since the American League's Baltimore club went to New York in 1903 to become the Yankees, broke up a geographical pattern that had endured for 50 years. Since then, fans in nine other cities have watched helplessly as their hometown favorites décamped for pastures made

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SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Teenaged boys of the little known Mru people of Bangladesh wear earrings, tie blossoms in their hair, blacken their teeth, and paint foreheads, National Geographic says. The decorations are designed to attract girls.

The Pawnbroker



#### GLANCING BACKWARDS

SJ LIQUOR STORE CLOSES SATURDAY
—I Year Ago—

A little bit of downtown St. Joseph dries up Saturday when the Schnapps Haus — a liquor store since the repeal of prohibition — closes.

Norman Whiteley, who has operated the package liquor outlet at 320 State street in the Rice block since June of 1971 is awaiting approval of a license transfer and building to house the business. A Cleveland avenue site is planned. The Carlton and Walter liquor store was one of the first to be licensed when prohibition was repealed in the early 1930's. Carlton and Walter was Robert Carlton, a legendary, St. Joseph booster, athletic fan and outspoken critic of politics from White House to courthouse and Fred Walter, a French native, who was interurban conductor, Railway Express agent and widely

known in the area.

BISONS GO ON TO STATE - In Vears Agn

The hearts of the village residents of New Buffalo are in Lansing today where the Bison cagers will make their bid in the semi-finals of the class C state basketball tournament

The Bisons nailed down the semi-final berth last night at Sturgis by drowning Addison 71-56 before some 2,000 spectators. It is the first time a New Buffalo team has advanced from regional competition in a bid for the state class C championship.

> $27\,\mathrm{JAP}\,\mathrm{SHIPS}$ SUNK BY ALLIES

· 29 Years Ago — The sinking of at least 27 Japanese ships was announced today by allied headquarters ---22 of them by submarines - as

CARRIES PASSANGERS

was brought about by Agent such appointments more than a Baldrey and is an ac- cursory glance. commodation to many persons who desire to visit St. Joseph on business or otherwise but do couple of hours in town.

American submarines accounted for 15 ships in Pacific and Far East waters, the navy announced, bringing to 642 the number of Japanese vessels sunk, probably sunk or damaged by undersea craft.

indications mounted that one of

Japan's by-passed fortresses in

the Marshall islands was about

ready for the final assault,

CLUB MEETS – 39 Years Ago –

The St. Joseph Valley Writers club met with Mrs. Gladys Dansfield of LaSalle avenue and heard a program of poems and stories by Lawrence Reeves, Atty. H. S. Whitney, Mrs. Danslied, Mrs. Arlie Wells and Miss Kathryn Dyar.

> ATTEND TOURNAMENT – 49 Years Ago —

Miss Shirley King, Miss Bertha Foulkes, Miss Bernice Knee and Alfred Nordberg motored to Kalamazoo to attend the district tournament.

CLEARS PORT

—59 Years Ago — The steamer Puritan of the Graham and Morton lines cleared port and is expected to reach Holland this afternoon. A slight off-shore breeze during the night carried the immense ice fields out into the lake, leaving a passage way for the steamer for a distance of a mile from shore.

an ambassadorship as it used Senate Foreign

Relations Committee last week took the rare step of holding up the nomination of Ruth Farkas, a 66-year-old millionaire's wife, to be ambassador to the tiny Duchy of Luxembourg, hardly one of the world's crucial diplomatic posts. But the Congressmen were upset because she and her husband had contributed approximately \$300,000 to President Nixon after she had been promised the job - and much of it was given following the election.

Ambassadorships are traditionally handed out as casually as popcorn to reward big party contributors not particularly qualified to do anything else. Except for a few - 83 Years Ago - key missions, the role of ambassador abroad has dwindled & W.M. now carries to little more than ceremonial. passengers This arrangement And Congress seldom gives

> But the new campaign disclosure laws are revealing for the first time the full extent of the huge sums involved. And the fact that those Nixon

WASHINGTON (NEA) - opponents into disorganized President Nixon is now extend positions. First, there chemies in Congress the same-techniques he employed to end to end or drastically curtail 100 or so social and other pet programs instituted over the vears and held dear by many of hiś opponents -- then substitute a radical new approach.

> His opposition fell into the Nixon trap, Instead of moving in with improved proposals of their own, many defend what, in the main, are indefensible programs — with histories of failure so lurid that many beneficiaries deride them,

Mr. Nixon may not win his battles on the domestic welfare, job training, medical, housing and other programs he's attacking. But if his opponents persist in beating their breasts for programs that most believe to be so inefficent as to be unworkable, then these politicians will destroy their own credibility and lose some share of their political base.
In the first flush of ex-

citement, many people are likely to believe Mr. Nixon's opponents when they claim he slashing the federal government's aid to the poor and unfortunate. But the counter reaction may be all the greater when they discover the Nixon proposals call for more Domestically, Mr. Nixon is money, not less, and voters again attempting the bomb-learn that they have been learn that they have been shell approach to force his deceived by simplistic attacks.

### Ambassadorships | Harder To Get



WASHINGTON (KFS) — It is contributions helped to finance not as simple these days to buy bugging and other illicit hankypanky has made Democratic Congress

unusually itchy. This increased sensitivity to the propriety of things has also put at least a temporary kibosh on the ambitions of Clement Stone, a millionaire Chicago insurance executive, to become ambassador to Great Britain. That is one of the most prestigious and glamorous of all diplomatic posts — and to get a shot al it, Stone paid a half million dollars to the 1988 Nixon Presidential campaign and an estimated \$2 million last year. Stone has told friends that the

> President promised him the Court of St. James when it is vacant. But Nixon is concerned about the Congressional. grilling that would await Stone, who is one of the best known most controversial Republican contributors Hence the President has

Stalled by persuading the current ambassador, Annenberg, to remain in London indefinitely. Annenberg, 63, has been there four years and originally wished to resign.

Meanwhile the President is expected to placate Stone with the elevation of his son-in-law, David Bradshaw, to the Federal Communications Commission. The term of Nicholas Johnson, a Democrat. expires in July. Bradshaw, an Illinois attorney, is a Democrat who campaigned for Nixon.

Bradshaw would become the first supporter of John Connally's Democrats-for-Nixon organization to win a Federal

Confirmation hearings on Stone could indeed prove awakward. Stone bankrolled the 1970 Illinois Senate campaign of GOP incumbent Ralph Smith against Adlia Stevenson III, during which Stevenson was smeared with charges about his patriotism and integrity. Stone is believed to have spent \$1-million on that campaign.

The disclosure law reveals that Stone broke up his 1972 contributions to President Nixon into chunks of \$3,000 or less, distributed among many campaign committees, in this fashion he avoided paying Federal gift taxes, which apply only to sums over \$3,000. Congressional experts estimate that on a gift totalling \$2 million the Federal taxes thus avoided amount to \$546,000.

PARRISH FAMILY W.H.F.B. They broadcast it but to no avail. It is

THANKS EVERYONE Editor, We would like to thank

everyone who helped during our time of deepest sorrow and for the flowers, prayers and sympathy expressed in many

Also at this time, I would like to extend a special "thank you" and each contributor.

There are many feelings of the best way I know to say it is, "Thank you each and everyone and may God bless all of you."

> Mrs. Joel (Faye) Parrish Jodi, and Faye's Family 415 Park Berrien Springs

EDITOR'S NOTE: Juel Parrish, a Berrien Springs-Oronoko township policeman who was off-duty at the time, was struck and killed on the night of Feb. 26 while he and the driver of the car who struck and killed a dog were standing in the roadway checking the dog. Also killed when struck by another car was Emanuel Schmal, also of Berrien Springs.

> BH WOMAN RESCUES PUPPY

Editor.

Last week my daughter went to get in her car (in the evening) and was surprised by an adorable puppy, we left it out all night, thinking it helonged to someone in the neighborhood. The next morning when I took our own dog out, who should jump on me but our little friend, crying so pitiful. I brought her in and warmed her, then set her out. After watching her, I couldn't stand it, she was running to one perch and the other. I brought

no doubt someone dumped this

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

adorable puppy off.

How can people be so cruel, there's the Humane Society, plus an ad in the paper, or, even asking around. I gave three puppies away just a month ago. How can people be so cruel? I

can't keep two dogs so will to Glenn Hilm for organizing gladly give it to a person that the "Joel Parrish Fund Drive" will give it a good home by will give it a good home by paying for her food.

There are many feelings of I hope the people that thanks and gratitude I feel but dumped her have very had conscience. How could you be not care to spend more than a so cruel. Beverly Layne

Benton Harbor.

GRIFFIN, NIXON FORGET AGED

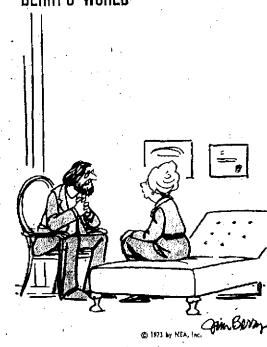
Editor. This is an open letter to Sen, Robert Griffin, Washington. So many senior citizens say they don't know how to write a plea for help, so I am writing for their cause.

Mr. Griffin, your name was conspicuous by its absence from the list of Congressmen who voted for the 20 per cent increase in Social Security last year. That increase should have, gone into effect in January 1972, but Mr. Nixon said he would veto it. So we had to wait until he was forced to accept the hard fact the dire-need was there.

Mr. Nixon promised the White House Conference on Aging, he would not let their recommendations gather dust

(Sec page 44, column 1)

COP SHAVES HEAD PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - A Portland policeman who were his red hair thick and somewhat shaggy has shaved his head to protest an order for her in, feed her and called Marine Corps grooming.



"FIRST I suggest that we try to cope with your own family ---THEN we can try to cope with the Loud family!"



A MONTH AGO: Lake Michigan had made severe encroachments on Jean Klock park when damage was inspected in February by Pete Mitchell, assistant director of public services for Benton Harbor. Last

weekend's storm was fatal blow for this section of walk which is in exact area as shown in accompanying picture. (Staff photos)



NOW: About 100 yards of sidewalk went over the bank at Benton Harbor's Jean Klock park in last weekend's wind storm on Lake Michigan. Destruction is at north

end of park looking toward St. Joseph. Some 100 tons of sand will be dumped along edge of remaining sidewalk in attempt to save it.

# BH Man Has Chance At \$200,000 Prize!

## Louis Dockins Assured Of At Least \$10,000

LOUIS DOCKINS Another Berrien Winner

Cure Worse

Than Problem

Emil Splese, 310 Wallace avenue, St. Joseph, got a pesky raccoon out of his chimney but he is wondering if

Splese built a small fire of paper in his fireplace to drive

the raccoon out and to prevent its return put a lid on the chimney.
When he returned home at 5 p. m. Tuesday he found the

house full of smoke. St. Joseph firemen, who brought a

smoke ejector and aired out the house, theorized that

burning embers in the fireplace ignited wood on the grate

the furry rodent didn't have the last laugh.

Louis Dockins, 51, of 686 East Main street, Benton Harbor, is entered in the \$200,000 state lottery super prize drawing in Lansing Thursday. He is assured of at least \$10,000.

The inclusion of Dockins gives Berrien county two entries in the drawing, scheduled for 9:45 a.m. at Lansing Mall.
Dockins and James Schwark, 32, of Three Oaks, who was

featured in this newspaper Tuesday, are Berrien's first super drawing entries.

Dockins, a molder and veteran employe of Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co., with a 25-year service watch from the firm, didn't know he was a big contender until Tuesday.

## **Battle Over Police Force** Will Continue

#### Showdown Promised At Township Meeting

A last-ditch fight, right up to which it was enacted. "I residents opposed to establishment of a township police department due to begin operations April 1, according to William Achterberg.

The battle is scheduled to be fought at the annual township scheduled Saturday, March 31—the day before the new department

officially starts.
Achterberg of 761 Valley
View drive, St. Joseph township, said there is still time to halt the department before any could be thrashed out.

Joseph Township Supervisor sheriff's department and the Orval L. Benson and Township township. Then abruptly the Altorney John Crow that the rescinding of the police department action is beyond the people at the annual

He urged a large turnout at the annual meeting. "This is the one time of the year when the people have as much power of the annual meeting.

Achterberg said he is not so department but the manner in 100 cars.

st minute, will be fought think," he said, "the people St. Joseph township should have a voice in whether they want it this way or that."

He said the nearly 1,100 signatures on petitions sup-ported this position. The petition asks the township board to rescind its action, objects to the method the board used to form the department and asks the law enforcement be under contract with the Berrien County Sherif's department.

Achterberg, a Lakeshore junior high teacher, was one of money is actually spent. He the original deputies who said he objects mainly to the method by which the new police department was created and said the annual meeting would department developed four be the time when the issue years ago. He said he was named by the sheriff to act as Achterberg disputes St. liaison officer between the township broke off talks and said they were going to start their own department.

TAYLOR, Mich. (AP)-Three men from this downriver arrested in what State Police

It was reported that Dockins' ticket initially was processed as a \$25 winner. A double-check showed that both sets of numbers on the ticket were winners.

Dockins said he bought his ticket at Bizer's store, 282 Em-

Dockins is assured of winning \$10,000 in the drawing. It could be more, if he's lucky. And, one of the 11 entries from throughout the state will be a \$200,000 winner. Dockins of Benton Harbor and Schwark of Three Oaks, each has a shot at

### Blondie' Strip Will Continue

strip that appears daily in this newspaper, will have no effect on the strip, according to King Features, distributors of the

For the last 25 years, Jim Raymond has done all the drawing on the strip and will continue to do so. For the past 10 years,

Dean Young, Chic's son, has worked with his father in writing

Chic has been totally inactive for the past year due to his illness and Raymond and Dean have been creating the strip entirely on their own.



C OF C BROCHURE CITED: Three awards were presented Tuesday for excellence in graphic arts production of Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce's prospectus "Twin Cities Area - Grow With Us." The awards were conferred by Watervliet Paper Co., Division of Hammermill Paper Co. From left: David L. McFall, sales manager, Watervliet Paper Co.; Roger Curry, executive vice president of the Chamber

of Commerce; Randall (Red) Burch, president of Burch Printers, which printed brochure; Howard Paxson, board chairman, Paxson Economic Productions, producers of brochure; and W. Craig McClelland, president, Waterviiet Paper. The brochure was printed on Watervliet Paper. McFall said about a dozen of these awards have been presented nationally in the past year

### Fairplain Burglary Suspect Arrested

Berrien county sheriff's detectives yesterday arrested a Benton Harbor man in connection with the breaking and entering of the home of Harry Grenawitzke, 555 Napier avenue, Fairplain, on Feb. 24.

which smouldered for hours.

Booked and lodged in the county jail on charges of breaking and entering and violation of probation was Ollie Willis, 25, of 310 Colby street. He was arrested Tuesday at about 9:30 p.m. according to detective Fred Reeves.

Berrien sheriff's officers also served warrants from Van Buren county on two Berrien county men. The men were transported to the Van Buren county sheriff's office.

Arrested on a charge of breaking and entering was Conrad Blevins, 38, of Britain avenue, Bainbridge township. Arrested on a charge of larceny from a vehicle was Dennis Johnson, 1244 McAlister avenue, Benton Harbor.

#### Car Ring Smashed

as the board," Achterberg said Detroit suburb have been call the smashing of a stolen much against the decision to car ring responsible for the establish the township police theft and resale of more than

## BH Lists Trash Pick-Ups Spring Clean-Up Planned

Weather permitting, Benton Harbor will launch its major spring clean-up effort next week, with operations scheduled for one week in each of the five regular trash pickup districts. Besides trash, residents may put out for pickup almost anything—from old furniture to refrigerators (provided their

doors are removed in compliance with state law).

City Manager Charles Morrison listed the following District 1 (Monday pickup area)-March 26-30; District 2

(Tuesday area)—April 2-6; District 3 (Wednesday area)—April 9-13; District 4 (Thursday area)—April 16-20; and District 5 (Friday area)-April 23-27. 

# ELECTRONIC BRAIN AIDS POLICE

## Berrien Sheriff's LIEN Computer System Always At Work

By SCOTT WILLIAMSON

Staff Writer The room is bathed in a somber, semi-darkness, illuminated only by two small tensor lamps over two control

A digital clock encased inside a large tape recorder ticks

away the seconds-it's 4:05:32 pricks of light peep through cooling holes in complicated equipment.

Suddenly the still is cracked by a voice from the darkness;

"Like a registration and file perforated tape spits forth a.m. Thousands of tiny pin- on George Boy David Nine One from one "Three. GBD913. Clear?"

"Stand-by, 31" An operator goes into action on a machine that looks like part-typewriter, part-computer. Fingers fly, the machine clatters into action, a string of

typewritten sheet emerges from the top.

"Berrien-Three One." "Berrien?"

"Negative registered to John Doe on a 1970 Ford Maverick. Clear.'

"Thanks, Berrien." "K-L-Y 871 at 4:06."

The described scene occurs hundreds of times a day at the communications bureau at the Berrien county department.

Basically, what happened, was a deputy ran a computer check on a vehicle he had stopped to see if the vehicle was stolen, and to whom it was registered or if the driver is wanted on a warrant.

When a police officer stops your car for a traffic offense or some other reason and takes your license back to the patrol car, this is why you are kept waiting momentarily.

LEIN stands for Law

Enforcement Information Network, a complex system of computers, telephones, equipment, and men.

In the previous sequence, a Berrien sheriff's department deputy used his car radio to call the communications bureau at the department. Since the vehicle was not

reported as stolen, and no other discrepancies arose, the deputy returned the driver's license

After the LEIN operator had punched up the message, the message was routed into the LEIN computer in Lansing, and also to a computer in the Michigan secretary of state's

The process required about two minutes. The LEIN computer checks its memory banks to see if the vehicle is stolen, and the secretary of state's office finds the needed information concerning the

Had the vehicle been stolen, the driver would have been taken into custody, and officers ould have checked with the police department that reported the car stolen to

"LEIN is the biggest boon to law enforcement since the invention of the two-way radio," states Lt. Nigel Krickhahn, communications officer at the sheriff's department.

In 1972, Krickhahn said, the department processed 165,441 transactions, of which 1,343 were "hits." A "hit" is when the check returns positive, – the car is stolen, a person is wanted on a warrant, or other police matters.

Fifty-one stolen autos were recovered, 29 license plates recovered, and 10 guns or other

articles recovered.

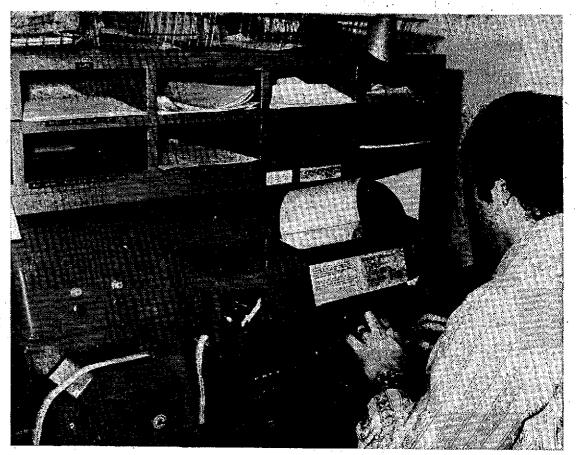
LEIN is used by 13 police departments in Berrien county, excluding state police posts. The cost to the departments is low, as only paper and other supplies, and the operator's salaries, must be paid for.

The system is paid for by the State of Michigan, or actually, rented from the Bell Telephone System, Krickhahn said it costs about \$400 a month for rent and tie-in. The computers, however, are owned by the

LEIN also has a hook-up to the NCIC (National Crime Information Center) in Washington, which processes file checks for warrants and the

LEIN is also used to send messages or requests to other police departments throughout the state, Krickhahn said. He noted there are 240 terminal hook-ups in the statewide

busy, for example, from midnight to noon recently, the department handled messages. As the interview ended, a voice crackled over the radio, "33-Berrien-LEIN." The machinery hummed to life



SENDS LEIN REQUEST: LEIN operator Dean Kugle sends request to Law Enforcement Information Network computer to find if vehicle is stolen, and to whom

it is registered. Computer will scan memory banks and return answer in less than two minutes. (Staff photo)

## \$381,000 Price Tag Douglas Residents Want To Keep Their Hospital

BY DAVE ANDREWS Staff Writer

DOUGLAS - Residents of this area served by Douglas Community hospital left little doubt last night that they want a full-service hospital maintained in the community.

But it will be up to the hospital's board of trustees Thursday night to make the final determination on future level of operation.

More than 250 citizens turned out at St. Peter's school for a meeting called by the hospital board to get community sentiment on four alternative plans for the hospital advanced by professional consultants.

Upgrading is being required because of state licensing requirements. Without the changes, changes, a provisional an additio operating license, which ex- basement. pires Jan. 1, 1974, would not be

crowd was virtually unanimous behind the first proposal, is estimated at \$286,000.

despite a \$381,000 price tag. The proposal also has contrary to the recommendation of the planning firm, which wants to drop

maternity service in any case.
If accepted by the board of trustees, the hospital would undertake a major modernization program necessary to bring the facility into full compliance with state licensing regulations and continue to maintain existing services, including obstetrical depart-

The modernization would include building additions adjoining obstetrical and surgical sections of the hospital, plus improvements in ventilation, allocation of space within the building and electrical changes. It also would involve installation of a freight elevator to the basement and an additional stairway to the

Second alternative offered b renewed, forcing the hospital to Donald Pound, master planner cease operations. Plans for the changes must be filed with the state by March 31.

for Danielson, Schultz & company, Lansing, would undertake physical plant In a standing vote at the close of two hours of discussion, the meet licensing requirements. meet licensing requirements, but eliminate maternity. Cost

Third alternative also would eliminate maternity service, unanimous support of the but schedule modifications in hospital's medical staff, but is phases to spread out the capital

The fourth alternative advanced would involve closing the hospital as an acute care facility, using the building for other purposes, such as a nursing home.

Nine of 11 members of the hospital's board attended the meeting, according to Dereck Marshall, hospital ad-Marshall, hospital ad-ministrator. The other two members of the board are out of state, he said. Chairman Earl Screnson presided.

Douglas Community hospital primarily serves residents in Saugatuck, Clyde, Manlius and Ganges townships, including villages of Douglas and Saugatuck. Total population of the area is 8,738.

Pound, who said it is his specific recommendation that service be cent of the time the four-bed much money. section had no patients.

level of care in the future.

Pound also said that only 36

Douglas hospital and that other of a \$381,000 loan,

Holland, Allegan and Zeeland provide all residents of the four townships with 20-minute access to an alternative hospital.

Dr. Dale Plapp, chief of the medical staff, said that doctors unanimously favor retention of maternity service.

He was supported by Dr. William Shock, who said that without maternity service that the community would find it extremely difficult in the future to attract physicians into the

To go ahead with the full program, most of the estimated \$381,000 cost would have to be raised by residents of the area, Pound indicated. No state or federal funds are available, he eliminated, pointed to 1972 said, and operating receipts statistics showing only 91 births from the hospital are not at the hospital. He said 35 per sufficient to underwrite that

Over the past three years, the With such low utilization, hospital has sustained Pound said, he is concerned operating loss totaling more over ability of the hospital to than \$15,000, including continue providing the highest depreciation, Pound said.

It is operating "in the black" for the first months of 1973. per cent of the maternity cases according to Marshall, but of the primary, four-township revenues would not be service area are now using adequate to cover repayment

## **Griffin Criticizes Cuts In Coast Guard**

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU: Deputy Gerry Bryan, dispatcher, (foreground) and

Lein operator Deputy Dean Kugle dispatch cars and run LEIN requests in wee hours of

Van Buren Gas Tax

Foes Call Petitions In

morning at Berrien sheriff's department. (Staff photo)

PAW PAW - A meeting has been

scheduled for Saturday night here to count

signatures on petitions asking that a

recently-imposed two cents per gallon gas

The petitions were circulated by a tri-

partisan group of persons who called

themselves the Van Buren county Tax-payer's association.

James Wellington of Lacota, president of

the group, said the petitions are being called in now so that the deadline of March 29 can

tax be submitted to a statewide referendum

closing of the South Haven Coast Guard station.

Griffin, R-Mich., has asked the Coast Guard to give further . The South Haven station acconsideration to a plan to close six search and rescue station's in Michigan, effective April 1. He expressed his concern in a Bender, commandant of the Coast Guard.

"This cutback will place a heavy burden on remaining search and rescue stations in

stations conducted 206 search and rescue missions in 1972, counted for 67 of the missions.

"While it is true that the workload of each tation was below the average nationwide, much of the safety effort is concentrated during peak recreational seasons," Griffin continued."

"The bold of the content of the bold of the bo below the average nationwide, continued.

has been made for adding life at sea is on the federal lion.

SOUTH HAVEN — U.S. Sen, vessels or personnel at stations government and the announced action by the Coast Guard Haven officials in expressing operation," Griffin wrote. According to the Coast on water recreation in Guard, the six Michigan Michigan — the state with the largest number of recreational boats in the United States."

Other counties in the state are also sites

p.m. at the First Federal Savings and Loan

The public is invited to attend, Wellington

The taxpayer's association is made up of

members of the Republican, Democrat and

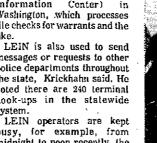
for similar petition drives.

The Paw Paw meeting is a

American Independent parties.

UPJOHN DIVIDEND KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP)---The board of directors of the

The board also voted to rec-These are not operations ommend to shareholders a 2that can be handed over to state for-1 common stock split and Michigan, and it is my un- or local authorities. The an increase in authorized com-derstanding that no provision responsibility for protecting mon shares from 20 to 40 mil-





HOSPITAL FUTURE AT ISSUE: Donald H. Pound, standing, hospital planning consultant of Danielson, Schultz & company, Lansing, reviews four alternatives for Douglas Community hospital in presentation to

large group of residents last night. Pound was joined at head table by Earl Sorenson, center, chairman of hospital board of trustees, and Dereck Marshall, hospital administrator. (Staff photo)